

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (New). A process for maintaining integrity of a structure containing frangible portions subject to impact from wind-borne objects comprising:

providing a protective barrier device formed of a flexible mesh material having a burst strength greater than 61.3 psi and an interstice size constructed and arranged to prevent passage of wind-borne objects greater than about 3/16 inch diameter;

positioning said protective barrier device in juxtaposed relation to said frangible portions of said structure; and

securing said protective barrier to said structure;

wherein said protective barrier provides reduction of wind force sufficient to maintain the integrity of said structure.

Claim 19 (New). The process of claim 18 wherein said protective barrier device is formed as at least one panel including a peripheral hem adapted to secure said panel to said structure.

Claim 20 (New). The process of claim 18 wherein said protective barrier device is a textile formed from synthetic threads.

Claim 21 (New). The process of claim 18 wherein said protective barrier device is resistant to ultra violet, biological, and chemical degradation.

Claim 22 (New). The process of claim 19 wherein said synthetic threads are polypropylene.

Claim 23 (New). The process of claim 19 wherein said synthetic threads are vinyl-coated polyester.

Claim 24 (New). The process of claim 19 wherein said panel is transparent.

Claim 25 (New). The process of claim 19 wherein said panel includes a superposed layer of continuous film.

Claim 26 (New). The process according to claim 18 further including a step of:

providing a plurality of releasable fasteners for attachment of said protective barrier to said structure.

Claim 27 (New). The process according to claim 19 wherein said protective barrier includes a plurality of said panels, each said panel having parallel edges being releasably connected to said structure by a plurality of cooperating releasable fasteners spaced therealong.

Claim 28 (New). The process in accordance with claim 27 wherein said spaced fasteners are reinforced with a tape.

Claim 29 (New). The process in accordance with claim 26 wherein said tape is polypropylene.